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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, FR

SUBJECT: OMEGA AGREEMENT

REF: (A) 75 PARIS 13519 (DTG 272032Z MAY 75), (B) BEIGEL-  
HUMPHREYS LETTER OF 12/22/75

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: OMEGA AGREEMENT HAS MADE NO PROGRESS  
TOWARDS RATIFICATION BY FRENCH PARLIAMENT SINCE AMBAS-  
SADOR'S INTERVENTION REPORTED IN REF A. IN RESPONSE TO  
OUR FURTHER PRESSURE, HOWEVER, FONOFF WILL LAUNCH "NEW  
OFFENSIVE" WITH FRENCH PARLIAMENT TO TRY TO UNBLOCK  
RATIFICATION PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. DCM CALLED ON QUAI POLITICAL DIRECTOR DE LABOULAYE  
EVENING OF FEBRUARY 5 TO UNDERSCORE OUR CONCERN OVER  
CONTINUED DELAY IN FRENCH RATIFICATION OF OMEGA AGREE-  
MENT. DCM RECALLED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD MADE STRONG  
DEMARCHE WITH QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL DE COURCEL ON MAY  
1975.(REF A). SINCE THEN WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION THAT  
QUAI WAS MAKING PROGRESS IN OBTAINING RATIFICATION OF  
OMEGA AGREEMENT BY FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. TO THE  
CONTRARY, INFORMAL REPORTS FROM QUAI HAVE  
INDICATED NO PROGRESS. EMBASSY AND US GOVERNMENT  
BELIEVE THAT THIS UNCOMPLETED BUSINESS SHOULD NOT DRAG  
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ON AND THAT GOF SHOULD ATTACH GREATER IMPORTANCE TO

DOING WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO UNBLOCK FRENCH PARLIAMEN-  
TARY ROAD. PROBLEM IS MADE MORE URGENT BY FACT THAT  
OMEGA STATION AT LA REUNION IS LIKELY TO BEGIN FULL  
OPERATION THIS MONTH, ALTHOUGH WE STILL HAVE NO AGREE-  
MENT RATIFIED BY FRENCH.

3. DE LABOULAYE REPLIED HE WAS SORRY TO REPORT THAT  
SITUATION REMAINS THE SAME: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE STILL HAS OMEGA AGREEMENT UNDER CON-  
SIDERATION, IN EFFECT PIGEON-HOLING SUBJECT. DE LABOU-  
LAYE ADDED THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY RAISED ISSUE WITH  
COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND FORMER  
FOREIGN MINISTER COUVE DE MURVILLE, IN EFFORT TO PUSH  
OMEGA AGREEMENT BACK ON RAILS TOWARD RATIFICATION BY  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. DE LABOULAYE SAID HIS INTERVENTION  
HAD BEEN TO NO AVAIL. HE COMMENTED THAT HE SHARED THE  
DCM'S CONCERN THAT THIS SUBJECT BE SWIFTLY CONCLUDED.  
HE TURNED TO QUAI ACTION OFFICER (DE LA ROCHEFORDIERE)  
WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AND DIRECTED HIM TO LAUNCH "NEW  
OFFENSIVE", DESIGNED TO INVOLVE QUAI -- AND FOREIGN  
MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES IF NECESSARY -- IN DIRECT CAM-  
PAIGN WITH STAFFERS OF ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE, BOTH TO UNDERLINE QUAI'S CONCERN THAT THIS  
ISSUE SHOULD NOT REMAIN IN LIMBO AND -- FROM A TACTICAL  
POINT OF VIEW -- TO TRY TO ACHIEVE MORE SUCCESS THAN  
DE LABOULAYE ACHIEVED IN HIS FRONTAL ATTACK ON COUVE.  
DE LABOULAYE UNDERTOOK TO KEEP US INFORMED OF PROGRESS  
ON THIS "NEW OFFENSIVE."

4. COMMENT: IF DE LABOULAYE'S "NEW OFFENSIVE" DOES  
NOT BEAR FRUIT WITHIN REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME, WE WILL  
WANT TO EXAMINE WITH DEPARTMENT OTHER INITIATIVES THAT  
USG SHOULD TAKE IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN FINAL FRENCH RATIFI-  
CATION OF OMEGA AGREEMENT.  
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